"Neither classes, nor masses; nor creeds, nor color of men's skins are to be counted at a time like this." == Ext. Hon. Emmett J. Scott.

## Hon. Emmett J. Scott Speaks Here.

Tells about the Great Work of the War Department. The Colored Soldiers' Troubles Referred to Him.

Improved Conditions for the "Brother in Black." New Avenues Opened and Important Duties Assigned to Them.

"Neither classes, nor masses, be counted at a time like this when great nation is at war with a de-liant foe," declared Emmett J. Scott, assistant to Secretary of War laker, in addressing an audience of lichmond colored people which crowd ed True Reformers' Hall last Sunday. The speaker was for years closely ssociated with Booker T. Washington later with Dr. Robert R. Moton, Hampton educator who has taken ashington's place as head of Tuske-Institute. He spoke last night the auspices of the colored Y. and was introduced by John litchell, Jr. He is making a tour of

ne South in the interest of war work The colored people and the ople of Richmond," he said, " are ons widely divergent, they are yet ole to live side by side in a spirit amity and good will-in peace and wn way not only to the prosperity f the city, but to the welfare of the State and nation as well."

AID HIGH TRIBUTE TO RICHMOND'S COLORED PEOPLE.

The speaker paid high tribute to ess. Especially did he commend the work of J. H. Martinew, State secretary id, deserved the earnest co-operation of Henrico Lodge, 1994. his people in his effort to foster ne principles of his organization in ne minds of the colored youth of Vir

Concluding he said: "We are engaged in a great strug e, testing whether this nation, dedited to liberty and the pursuit of appiness, shall perish from the earth! we would accomplish our purpose, ational unity must prevail. Section ism must be relegated to the rear. ass feeling must be obliterated. A eat, surging common willingness to rve a common purpose must preil. The North the South, the East, d the West each must sink its secnal feeling.

"Neither, classes nor masses, nor es nor creeds, nor color of men's s, when a great nation is at war ith a defiant foe. A common task mands a sinking of all, of everying, except patriotic zeal, if we are conquer. Unity of feeling must minate if we are to put forth our llest power and achieve that vicry for which we are struggling. Excellent musical selections were ndered by the Sabbath Glee Club. tich enraptured the audience.

Mr. B. A. Cephas delivered the adwelcome. ott's address will be of interest: adies and Gentlemen,-It is a reted honor to be permitted to speak e today to representatives of the ople of this city, far-famed as it is only for the rare quality of its te population, but no less so (Continued on Page Four.)

## Mrs, Mary Hamm Harris Passes.

drs. Mary Hamm Harris died Mon-G. Booker, 303 E. Leigh street. funeral services were conducted dnesday evening, February 27. stor T. J. King preached an exceleulogy from Psalms 90:12 Besides a husband, she leaves to urn their loss, five children, Mrs. nius Robinson, Baltimore, Md., Nelson G. Booker, Mrs. Robert

reeds, nor color of men's skins are BOYS FROM CAMP LEE RETURN THANKS FOR DINNER.

> Mrs. W. R. Massie, who so generously entertained fifty-five young colored soldiers from Camp Lee at that memorable Christmas dinner at the rooms of the Young Women's Christian Association, Fifth and Duval streets, received a letter of gratitude and appreciation from them and the letter was signed by every one who had the honor to be present.

> Seldom is such thoughtfulness displayed when the pleasures are past. Mrs. Massie and Mrs. Matilda Mimms, through whom the enterainment was secured and managed, were happy to receive the letter Mrs. Massie is one of the leading and influential white ladies in the

> city of Richmond and her act was generally appreciated.

> ODD FELLOWS HONOR FOUNDER

The G. U. O. of Odd Fellows will hold a public meeting, Sunday March 3rd, at 3 P. M., at Price's Hall to honor Peter Ogden who started Odd Fellowship 75 years ago.

Mr. A. S. Jackson, Jr., of Va. U. ose of Richmond's colored people U. will sing; M. V. P. R. Beecher who have made such wonderful prog Taylor will deliver an address; Mr. Percy Ellis will present a paper.

Members and Household inmates the Colored Y. M. C. A., who he are invited to come. Under auspices

MISS ANNIE MAE VANN WEDS.

Miss Annie Mae Vann of Como N C., was married to Sergeant Horace Poindexter of Indianapolis, Ind. Sergeant Poindexter was in K. Troop Tenth Cavalry, but is now enroute to Des Moines, Iowa.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Hettie Smith, 729 W. Leigh street, who was stricken with Apoplexy sometime ago is improving. She wishes to thank her many friends in, are to be counted at a time like and the Fifth Street Baptist Church for the kindnesses shown her.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to all stockholders of The American Beneficial Insurance Company that the annual stockholders meeting of said Company will be held at the Home Office this Company, 613 A. N. Secont St. on Tuesday March 26th, 1918 at 8 The following excerpts from Mr. o'clock P. M. Do not fail to be pres

> J. THOMAS HEWIN, President R. W. ANDERSON, Secretary.

Frenchman to Address Brohterhood and the Y. M. C. A.

"Prestige of the Colored People of Virginia as Per the Observations of Foreigner," is the subject of an address to be delivered by Mr. Maxime Ducharme, a prominent business , February 25, 10:00 A. M., at man of Richmond, at the Fifth home of her daughter, Mrs. Nel-Street Baptist Church next Thursday man of Richmond, at the Fifth night, under the auspices of the Y M. C. A. and the Brotherhood of the the Fifth Street Baptist Church, Fifth Street Baptist Church. Mr. C. N. Jackson will introduce the speak er. The public is cordially invited.

WANTED-a girl from 13 to 15 Nelson G. Booker, Mrs. Robert years of ago. A good home and good nson, Mrs. James Morris and Miss wages to the right party. Address na T. Hamm, and two grand- G. Planet Office, 311 North 4th St., Richmond,

In my account of my trip to Elizabeth City, N. C. I inadvertently stated that I visited the Roanoke Institute, when I should have said North Carolina State Colored Normal and Industrial School, of which Prof. P. W.

CORRECTIONS.

Moore is the very able Principal.

The faculty for this year is as follows: W. A. Burgess, A. B., Miss Carrie E. Thomas, B. S., Miss Willie B. Hollomon, Miss Sarah E. Parker, Miss Eunice V. Berry, Miss Helen A. Taylor, Miss Inoz Elliott, Archibald Ridley, Miss Florence M. Dykes, B., Mrs. Fannie O. Butler, Mrs. T. Moore.

Professor Moore is an instructor of rare executive ability and the institution is a model of its kind in the State of North Carolina, The Church which I spoke was the Lebanon M. E. Zion Church and is the largest in that city, white or colored the able paster has made a most

JOHN MITCHELL, JR.

A CARD.

Realizing the growing demand for better and more efficient service along "THE ICE CREAM" line, I have entered an agreement with THE PURITY CORPORATION to take care of all orders for ice creams in any shape and form, satisfaction guaranteed, deliveries made anywhere traffic is accessible.

Thanking my many friends and the public generally, for the past liberal patronage, and wishing a continuance of the same, I am yours

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MT. O. SPRING LECTURE COURSE

In order that our people may be properly advised along various lines, there will be given at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church a series of lectures, beginning the second Sunday, March 10th, 1918, at 4 P. M.

The following have consented: Second Sunday. A Medical Doctor, Third Sunday, An Attorney-at-Law. Fourth Sunday, A Popular Editor Fifth Sunday, A Prominent Female A Noted Doctor of Divinity.

A Noted Doctor of they? Can you

All are welcome. guess? his space.

Rev. J. Andrew Bowler, Pastor.

In Memoriam.

In memory of my dear son, Ralph Roland, who departed this life one year ago, today, March 2, 1917:

We are lonely, O, so lonely, How we miss you, none can tell; Since the time our loving Saviour Called you home with Him to dwell

Yet again, we hope to meet thee When the days of life are fled, And in Heaven with joy to greet thee Where no farewell tears are shed.

By his Father and Mother, ANDREW and MAGGIE HAZELL

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Andrew Bowler nnounce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Evlyn Hope, to Mr. Robert E. Harris, Jr., at their residence, 112 E. Leigh street, Thursday evening, March 14, 1918, eight o'clock

Friends invited. No cards, At home after March 20th. 11 Landon Terrace, Schenectady, New York, I invited to be present,

THE NEGRO SOLDIERS OF AMERICA:

WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR (By Lucian B. Watkins)

We fight-and for DEMOCRACY. Lord, we are glad of this swee

To brave whatever hells there be Beside the bleeding heart of France We fight-for all who suffer pain,

We give our souls in sympathy; We fight that Liberty may reign From Berlin-unto Tennessee. To Tennessee-where last we saw Infernal brands of death applied To men—our men, within the law, But "lawless" as they moaned

n Tennessee-where vain, it seems Have been the gifts of passing

Where vain have been the eternal And toil of Lincoln, sad with tears n Tennessee-where Life's best part

Rich "pearls are cast before CHRIST'S GOLDEN RULE rules the heart And keeps man nearer The Divine

In Tennessee—where Might With Hate and Horror on the Where GO LIGHT GOD'S DEMOCRACY OF

AND LOVE, it seems, has never n Tennessee—and all her kin Of sister criminals, year by year,

Who've lost the consciousness of sin, The tenderness that is a tear. We fight—and for DEMOCRACY.

We'll dare Atlantic's tragic from
Go "over the top,"—Lord, let us see

PEACE AND ITS HAPPINESS AT HOME!

Hotel Warden, Omaha, Nebraska, February 23, 1918.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

The vesper services will be at five

Miss Beatrice Walker is spending a few days with us enroute to Atlanta where she will do war work. The committee of management will launch its finance campaign Monday Merch 4 and will continue the cam-

We have an opening for a young-ster to learn the Printer's Trade, Linotyping, etc. THE PLANET, 311 North Fourth street.

paign throughout the week.

A girl about the age of 8 or 10 years of age can secure a good home and as one of the family by applying to W. S. W., 709 Eighth avenue, Belmar. New Jersey.

-Deacon I. H. Scott, 1107 N. 1st Street has been down with the La Grippe for about two weeks. We hope him a speedy recovery.

-Mrs. Mary E. Johnson of 1921 Decatur street Southside has been in disposed this week

-Dr. W. N. Frayser of Louisville, Ky., was in the city this week. He has enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corp

-Mrs. Blanche E. Rilley, (nee Hatcher) of New York, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hatcher, 1917 Decatur street South Richmond, is here on account of the sickness of her father. Mr. Hatcher is improving.

GIRLS PROTECTIVE LEAGUE!

All Superintendents and members of the National Protective League for Negro Girls are requested to meet a Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monday March 4th at five P. M. All girls and their friends are urged to be present to help arrange for the needle and record shower for the soldiers at Camp Lee.

Ora Brown Stokes, superintendent; Martha A. Fowlkes. Corresponding Secretary.

GREAT DAY AT FIFTH BAPTIST

Sunday, March 10, 1918 will be great day at the Fifth Baptist Church corner Harvie and Cary streets, Rev. A. D. Daly, pastor, Hon. John Mitchell, Jr. will deliver his famous lecture, subject, "The World's War." Program commences at 3:30 and Dr. William H. Stokes, pastor of the

Ebenezer Baptist Church, will intro-The Oriental Beneficial Club and the Ladies' Auxiliary will attend this meeting in a body to hear this distinguished Speaker. The members and friends of this Church are cordially

"Within a month from the beginning of hostili= ties Africans of Gold Coast compelled the surren= der of 34,000 square miles of German territory."

## Colored People's Part in the World War.

The Fight in Africa -- Many Square Miles Wrenched From Germany .== Black Troops Display Great Valor.

Graphic Description of the Shedding of Blood in the Dark Continent === The Use of Dum=dum or Soft nosed Ammunition.

THE TOGOLAND CAMPAIGN.

By W. F. Hutchinson,

(Copyright by J. E. Bruce.) Special to Richmond Planet. Of all the British possessions, the Gold Coast Colony was the first to take an active part in the war. Within a month from the start of hostilities it had carried through a campaign which compelled the surrender of 34,000 square miles of territory

under the German flag. Togoland is a wedge of territory on the Gulf of Guinea, sandwiched between the British Gold Coast Colony on the West and French Dohoney on the East. With only thirty miles of seaboard, it widens at a short dis- in the absence of Sir Hugh Clifford, tance from the sea and extends in- received a cable from the home auland about three hundred and fifty thorities warning him that precau-miles, possessing a total area of a tions should be adopted in view of square miles, slightly larger than war,

On the North it is encl French territory. the seat of the Gold Coast Government. Large sums had been expend ed by the Germans in developing the many. The Chiefs were immediately bridge at Ekune. Colony in making the port of Tome informed and at once spontaneously In the meanting Colony in making the port of Tome into a depot for trade and laying lown a railway of about one hundred miles to the town of Kamina, almost due North of Tome.

They had acted with their usual cruelty towards the natives of the country, whose rights were totally lisregarded, the country being treated as an appanage of the German Empire, whose resource, both commercial and human, were to be employed solely for the advantage and profit of Germany and the Germans.

Many complaints of brutal disregard of human life and human rights and of scandalous outrages of decency by Germans, officials and others, had issued from the people, but these had been unheard in Europe until German arrogance threatened Europe itself, when it was decided that Germany must be turned out of Africa.

SECRET WIRELESS STATION.

There was a special reason for urning them out of Togoland. Kamina they had erected one of the nost powerful wireless installations in the world with such secrecy that the French authorities in Dahomey were not aware of its existence. It communicated direct with Nauen, near Berlin and with the German Colonies of Cameroon and Southwest Africa, and was no doubt intended to maintain communication between Berlin and German warships and commerce-raiders operating in the Atlantic. The installation had been completed just before the outbreak of the war and the designer, Baron Codelli, was still in the Colony and was taken prisoner by the British

On the declaration of war with France, Major Von Doring, Acting Governor and Commander-in-Chief in rogoland, assuming that Great Britain would remain neutral, made preparations to seize the French pos session of Dahomey, but had not com mitted any hostile act when Great Britain entered into the war on the fourth of August.

The German Governor by instruction from Berlin then cabled to the Acting Governor of the Gold Coast and the Governor General of French West Africa, proposing that neutrality should be observed between the European Colonies of the Gold Coast, Togoland and Dahomey, on grounds of humanity and the desirability of duce the Editor Special music by maintaining the prestige of the white one of Richmond's famous quartets. races in presence of the black races, races in presence of the black races, who might learn dangerous lessons, if allowed to take part in a compaign in which white men were opposed to each other, the bulk of the troops engaged being of necessity natives. The proposition was not even an-

British Government could not entertain any such suggestion.

FRENCH FORCES AGGRESSIVE. meeting with no opposition occupied

a few miles inland.
On the Gold Coast preparations for

little less than thirty-four thousand the possible existence of a state of difficult nature of the country and The chief port, Colony within striking distance of loss on the British side in this skir-Tome, is only a few miles from the British port of Kitta and about one hundred and ten miles from Accra.

Togoland and to secure the necessary mish was one native soldier killed, and one European non-commissioned officer and two native soldiers wound-

> loyalty and offers of assistance. It was indeed, as the Governor said, matter of some difficulty to restrain their ardor." The Local Volunteer Forces "exhibited extraordinary enthusiasm,"

UNDER FLAG OF TRUCE.

correspondence regarding the Ger-man proposal of neutrality above re-pied and Captain Potter disposed his ferred to, took place. On the latter day, Captain Barker of the Gold retreat to the Northward, Coast Regiment was despatched under a flag of truce to Tome to inform the Governor that strong columns were about to enter the Colony from East, West and North and to demand the surrender of the German forces as resistance was useless. A twenty-

four hour amistice was granted. When Captain Barker returned to Tome at seven P. M. on the seventh, he found that the Governor had withdrawn to the interior with his troops, leaving the District Commissioner with instructions and powers to surrender Tome and the Colony up to a thirty miles of railway to the North line drawn at one hundred and twen- of Agbelufoe were captured intact, half miles) from that town. The installation, which he had imperative and ammunition. instructions from Berlin, four times

ments were completed between Mr. Codelli, the designer of the great Robertson and Mr. M. Ch. Noufflard, wireless station at Kamina. The ad-Lieutenant-Governor of Dahomey, for vance of the main force towards Agco-operation of the British and belufoe was continued and contact French forces, The latter numbering made with the enemy at Gani Kofe, four hundred and fifty Tirailleurs from which point the road was en-Senegalnis, eight officers, twenty Eu- cumbered by arms, equipment, bicyropean non-commissioned officers and cles, ponies, etc., thrown away and two mountain guns, had on the same day occupied positions in the neighborhood of Little Popo and Mono.

On the ninth of August, Mr. Robertson and Mr. William Pontz, Governor-General of French West Africa, completed arrangements for a combined advance of the British troops of Hout Senegal and Niger on Northern Togoland and on the eleventh the British Governor was informed by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Ivory Coast and Dahomoy that five hundred "Auxiliary Cavalry" and fifty or sixty "Gardes Cercles" had been instructed to advance against Sansanne Mango in Northern Togo-

THE EXPEDITION ACTIVE.

swered by the Governor of Dahomey Captain (temporary Lieutenant Coland on the sixth of August Major onel) F. C. Bryant, the officer com-Von Doring was informed that the manding the British forces, landed at Tome with fifty-seven Europeans. five hundred and thirty-five native soldiers, two 295 guns and thousand carriers. The twelfth and On the same day French forces thirteenth were occupied in organ-entered the German territory and izing the base and on the fourteenth the forces advanced inland along the the port of Little Popo, (which the Germans called Anecho) and on the eighth, occupied the lown of Togo, where the wireless installation, which had been erected

destroyed At about three P. M. on the fifteenth, touch was made with the enemy at Lilikove, the bridge over the river Lili being blown up, as the British troops approached, vance was delayed by the extremely Lieutenant Colonel Bryant found it Steps were at once taken to con-necessary to bivouac at Ekune, the intrate the military force of the enemy having been driven back. The of August, information was received ed. A long train of twenty vehicles that war had broken out with Ger- was found wrecked on the railway

came forward with expressions of tion had been fought by the C Com-In the meantime a smart little acpany of the Gold Coast Regiment, under Captain Potter. At about four A. M. on the fifteenth, when the company was halted close to Ekune, a train was heard to pass down the line in the direction of Teevie, Steps the application for enlistment far were taken to block the line near the exceeding the requirements of the bridge and soldiers were disposed in Government and the supply of arms a position to attack the train as it and equipment. approached, while the rest of the company advanced on Agbelufoe Sta-On the fifth and sixth telegraphic but succeeded in escaping to the tion. Another train now approached forces so as to intercept the enemy's

Attacks were made by the enemy during the evening and night, but by this time the advance of the main British force was making itself felt, and they fled back to their train and surrendered to Captain Potter. number of the enemy was reliably computed at two hundred, greatly outnumbering the British forces opposed to them

Out of thirty Germans with this force, twenty-five were killed and captured. As a result of this action thirty miles of railway to the North ty kilometres (seventy-four and one. including the important bridge over the River Haho, seven miles North German Governor's intention was to of Agbelufoe, besides the wrecked retire up the railway to protect Ka. train at Ekune, two engines, one mina, with its precious wireless Maxim gun and a quantity of arms

At seven A. M. on the sixteenth, two European prisoners were brought By the eighth of August, arrange- in, one of whom proved to be Baron

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The Sabbath Glee Club at Camp Lee Sunday, March 3,

The Sabbath Glee Club will sing at the M. M. C. A. in Camp Lee, on Sunday, March 3, (to-morrow.) The Club will go over in a body on the Noon car, leaving South Richmond. This Club is one of the leading singing organizations in the country and will be a source of much joy to the boys in camp. Those desiring to ac-On the morning of the twelfth, company the club can do so.